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I'm old enough to remember the early days of the AIDS epidemic — and the panic that ensued. Luckily, great strides have been made in research and treatment, and while those with HIV are living longer, we are far from a cure or having AIDS be stigma-free. That's why today, World AIDS Day, I took a look to see how far we've come and what we can do to end AIDS and HIV once and for all. Learn more inside or on [metro.us](http://metro.us).

## CONYERS NOT QUITTING, DESPITE PARTY CALLS

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called on Democratic Representative John Conyers to resign, calling sexual harassment allegations against him serious and credible, but Conyers' attorney said he was not thinking of stepping down. "That decision will be completely up to the congressman. He's not thought of that," Reed said. Instead, Conyers, 88, was focusing on his health after being hospital-

ized on Wednesday after suffering dizziness, light-headedness and shortness of breath. Speaking to reporters in Washington, Pelosi said "zero tolerance means consequences for everyone." "The brave women who came forward are owed justice," she said. "Congressman Conyers should resign." Conyers is one of numerous public figures who have been accused in recent weeks of sexual harassment and misconduct.

## TRUMP CONSIDERS PLAN TO REPLACE TILLERSON

President Donald Trump is considering a plan to oust Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who has had a strained relationship with his boss over North Korea and other issues. Tillerson would be replaced by CIA director Mike Pompeo, known as a Trump loyalist, within weeks under a White House plan to carry out the most significant staff shake-up of the Trump administration so far. Republican Senator Tom Cotton

would be tapped to replace Pompeo at the CIA. It was not clear whether Trump had given final approval to the latest staff shake-up, but one of the officials said the president asked for the plan to be put together. Tillerson's rumored departure would end a troubled tenure that has been increasingly at odds with Trump over policy challenges such as North Korea and under fire for his planned State Department cuts.

## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### WHITE HOUSE TREE

3 President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump participate in the 95th annual National Christmas Tree lighting ceremony held by the National Park Service on the Ellipse near the White House on Thursday evening in Washington, D.C.



## FEMA CHIEF QUESTIONS AGENCY'S ROLE

4 The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday said the wave of recent U.S. disasters, from multiple storms to raging wildfires, must redefine the agency's role and that localities must be more prepared to shoulder crises. FEMA Administrator Brock Long told Congress members the scale of assisting victims and rebuilding damaged areas has tested the agency, busted

budgets and strained resources, and that more of the nation's emergency response must fall on its citizenry. "It is time to question what is FEMA's role in disaster response and recovery," Long said before the U.S. House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee. "FEMA ... (was) never designed to be the first responder and the only responder in a disaster, but in many cases that's where we find ourselves."

## AG SESSIONS EVASIVE ON RUSSIA PROBE

5 U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions refused to answer questions during a closed congressional hearing about whether President Donald Trump ever instructed him to hinder the Justice Department's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, according to Democratic lawmakers who attended. Sessions testified behind closed doors for several hours before the U.S. House of Representatives In-

telligence Committee. Representative Adam Schiff, the committee's top Democrat, told reporters he was troubled by Sessions' refusal to answer what he believes are essential questions. "I asked the attorney general whether he was ever instructed by the president to take any action that he believed would hinder the Russia investigation and he declined to answer the question," Schiff told reporters after the hearing.

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"The truth is that, absent a cure, we have to prevent new infections," said Sharen Duke of the Alliance for Positive Change. DAVID NAGER/THE ALLIANCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

# World AIDS Day: Amid advances and dropping diagnoses, crisis remains

"People are living longer and thriving, and yet, the stigma persists."



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In 1981, a rare infection was first detected in the United States. The virus was eventually identified as acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, and a global pandemic — and panic — ensued.

"Fast-forward 30-plus years, and because of treatment advancements, people are living longer and thriving, and yet, the stigma persists, and there still is no cure," said Sharen Duke, executive director and CEO of the Alliance for Positive Change in New York. "I think that public perception is that AIDS is no longer a crisis, but the truth is that, absent a cure, we have to prevent new infections in order to really tackle this disease."

That's where events like World AIDS Day come in. Designated as Dec. 1 in 1988 as the first-ever global health day, World AIDS Day has become a way to remember those who died, celebrate those still living with HIV and continue raising awareness and advocating for policies and resources to end AIDS once and for all.

"World AIDS Day is a day when we at the Alliance do what we do every day, and it's an opportunity for municipalities across the nation to remember and recognize and continue to fight," Duke said. New diagnoses of HIV have been declining in the since the mid-2000s, even reaching a historic low in New York last year, the city's Health Department announced

Thursday.

"I think part of that attributes to the success of prevention education and syringe exchange, where new infection rates among injection drug users have declined significantly," Duke said of that feat, which occurred even as the nation faces an opioid epidemic.

As people with HIV are living longer, they're now facing aging, something early patients sadly didn't get a chance to.

"So many people died so young. Now folks who are living with HIV for 30 years are also experiencing hypertension and co-infection with hepatitis and diabetes," Duke said. "I can only tell you anecdotally that a lot of our folks have chronic conditions related to liver and kidney dysfunction, which could be a side effect of HIV medication. There were medications early on that were very harsh on liver and kidneys."

Duke added that "the only way to end AIDS is to end new infections and prevent new infections."

To that end, she encourages the public to receive an AIDS test at least once a year, engage in safe sex by using condoms or dental dams and use clean needles or syringe exchanges.

"If you're not able to stop using drugs, then we want to teach you to use them safely," she said.

To learn more and see the Alliance's schedule of events on World AIDS Day, visit [alliance.nyc](http://alliance.nyc).



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# New HIV diagnoses in New York City reach historic low

The number of yearly HIV diagnoses in New York City has reached a historic low, the Health Department announced this week.

The department recently released its 2016 HIV Surveillance Annual Report of HIV data and diagnoses in New York City, which began in 2001.

According to that report, 2,279 people were newly diagnosed with HIV last year — an 8.6 percent decrease from the year before, 2015.

In 2001, when the city began collecting such data, there were more than 5,900 new HIV diagnoses across the city.

"The historic low in new HIV diagnoses is yet another indication that we remain on the road to ending the HIV epidemic in our city," Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said in a statement.

The report also parsed out specific data for HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men (MSM). For that population, the number of new HIV diagnoses in 2016 dropped nearly 15 percent from 2015. About 1,200 men received new diagnoses in 2016 — marking a "statistically significant low" for the first time since recording began — compared to 1,450 the year before.

White and Latino MSM saw the largest decrease, but young MSM of color

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"continue to shoulder the burden of new diagnoses," according to the city.

"While we have seen a dramatic decrease in HIV diagnoses among the MSM community overall, we must continue to work together to address the excess number of new HIV infections in communities of color," Bassett said.

More HIV-positive New Yorkers are now also achieving viral suppression, the report found. In 2016, 84 percent of HIV-positive New Yorkers receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed, compared to 70 percent in 2011 (the year the Health Department began tracking viral suppression rates).

When people with HIV are virally suppressed, the virus cannot be transmitted. That's the basis behind the "Undetectable = Untransmittable" campaign launched in New York City by Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, deputy commissioner for the health department's Division of Disease Control, over a year ago.

"Supporting New Yorkers living with HIV to reach and maintain viral suppression, also known as achieving an 'undetectable' viral load, by starting and staying on HIV medications, is a key element to turning the tide of HIV in our city," Daskalakis said in a statement.

Though there are less new diagnoses overall, there was a small increase in HIV diagnoses among women in 2016, compared to 2015. Black and

Latina women specifically made up over 90 percent of all women newly diagnosed. KRISTIN YOUSSEF



2016 saw the lowest new HIV diagnoses in New York City since the city began tracking such data. FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

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There will be no LIRR service between Jamaica Station and Atlantic Terminal for two consecutive weekends as the MTA is installing switches near the Brooklyn hub as part of the Atlantic Yards Project. GETTY IMAGES

# LIRR trains suspended from Jamaica Station to Atlantic Terminal this weekend

Subways and buses will cross-honor as the MTA installs switches at Atlantic Yards.



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There will be no Long Island Rail Road service between Jamaica Station and Atlantic Terminal for two consecutive weekends starting Friday night as the MTA is installing switches near Atlantic Terminal as part of the Atlantic Yards Project.

Trains will be suspended around 10 p.m. on Friday, after the New York Islanders' game at the Barclays Center concludes, until 6 a.m. on Monday. The same service suspension will be in place next weekend, from Friday, Dec. 8 through Monday, Dec. 11.

New York City Transit will cross-honor LIRR tickets on subways and buses as follows:

## • To/From Atlantic Terminal

**Westbound:** Atlantic Terminal-bound passengers should board LIRR trains to Penn Station, and walk one block east to 34th Street/Herald Square for Brooklyn-bound Q trains to Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center.

**Eastbound:** LIRR tickets will be accepted for Manhattan-bound Q trains from Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center to 34th Street/Herald Square. From there, riders can walk one block west on 34th Street to Penn Station for eastbound LIRR service.

## • To/From Nostrand Avenue

**Westbound:** Customers can board LIRR trains to Penn Station for cross-honored rides on A or

C trains to Nostrand Avenue.

**Eastbound:** Customers can get a cross-honored A or C ride at Nostrand Avenue to 34th Street-Penn Station.

## To/From East New York

**Westbound:** Straphangers can get a Brooklyn-bound A or C train at 34th Street-Penn Station to Broadway Junction and transfer to the L for service to Atlantic Avenue.

**Eastbound:** Riders can get cross-honored rides on the Manhattan-bound L train to Broadway Junction and a transfer to the A or C train for service to Penn Station.

• LIRR tickets will be cross-honored on the Q24 bus to East New York to and from Jamaica Station.

• Additionally, J trains will cross-honor LIRR tickets on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10 to and from the Sutphin Boulevard-Archer Avenue-JFK Airport stop at Jamaica Station and Broadway Junction. Note: The J will not run east of Crescent Street on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3.

The switch work will enable trains to travel directly from Atlantic Terminal to Atlantic Yards, instead of backtracking east as they currently do, blocking other trains from using the tunnel for six to eight minutes at a clip, which totals about two hours every day.

For the most up-to-date schedule info, visit [mta.info](http://mta.info).



A view of the Atlantic Yards development project under construction on June 12, 2017, in downtown Brooklyn. GETTY IMAGES

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# One guy predicted Lauer and Lasseter. Who else is on his list?

This Twitter thread has the entire entertainment industry guessing.

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Mark Harris is a long-time entertainment journalist in New York City, with bylines ranging from The New York Times to Entertainment Weekly. But most buzzed-about work may be an unfolding, 10-day-old Twitter thread. On Nov. 20, after the Harvey Weinstein sexual-harassment scandal broke, Harris tweeted, "I just did a quick count of the harassment stories in entertainment or media that I know are being worked on. Seven."

The next day, he tweeted "1. John Las-

seter," amid news that the head of Pixar Studios was temporarily stepping down for inappropriate behavior. Yesterday's revelations about Matt Lauer's firing by NBC brought another tweet, naming the former Today show host "2." That day, Variety and the New York Times published stories detailing that at least two women have come forward with allegations against Lauer.

Now more than a few followers are refreshing the thread constantly, wondering, Who's next?

What's clear is that the breadth of the scandal is wider than even veteran pop-culture reporters realize: The two latest major revelations didn't even make Harris's list. On Wednesday, Minnesota Public Radio announced it was cutting

ties to humorist Garrison Keillor after misconduct allegations. On Thursday, Russell Simmons said he was stepping down from his companies after writer Jenny Lumet published a piece in the Hollywood Reporter claiming that he sexually assaulted her in the '90s.

The dam only burst less than a month ago, on Nov. 5, when Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey reported on Weinstein's history of sexual harassment dating back decades. And there are still depths to plumb in stories that have already been broken — as Harris himself tweeted, "I have so many questions about [former NBC head] Jeff Zucker about Matt Lauer."

An NBC News poll released today shows that more than 80 percent of Americans believe sexual



Matt Lauer and John Lasseter have recently been implicated in sexual-misconduct scandals. GETTY IMAGES

harassment on the job is widespread in any industry, and Hollywood veterans suggest that Harris's list will grow at any minute. "There are some people who go into this

business because they get off on having power," Tom Hanks told People.com on Thursday. "And the times they feel the most powerful, which is why they went into the

business, are when they are hitting on somebody who's underneath them, [and] I don't necessarily mean completely sexually. There are predators absolutely everywhere."

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# Man who inspired ALS ice bucket challenge dies at 46

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Anthony Senerchia Jr., the primary inspiration for this 2014 viral campaign known as the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, died Saturday, Nov. 25, at age 46.

Senerchia was diagnosed with ALS in 2003, just two months after he and his wife, Jeanette, were married, and he went on to battle it for 14 years. According to his obituary, the Pelham, New York, native lived more than 10 years longer than his doctors predicted.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou



Anthony Senerchia, who battled ALS for 14 years, passed away at 46.  
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Gehrig's disease, is a neurodegenerative disease that targets nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, according to The ALS Association. Patients can lose the ability to move, speak, eat and breathe on their own.

The average age of diagnosis is 55, and of the

cases recorded in the ALS Database, 60 percent are men. While the rate of progression differs by case, the average survival time is three years.

There are two kinds of ALS: sporadic (the most common form in the U.S.) and familial — meaning it's inherited. The disease, which is diagnosed in about 6,000 Americans each year, has no cure.

According to a 2016 press release from the Association, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge helped it "secure funding from new sources in new parts of the world," in hopes of moving closure to better treatments and an eventual cure.

The campaign also attracted famous faces — celebrities and politicians alike — such as Jimmy Fallon, Bill Gates, Lena Dunham and Selena Gomez.

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# Winter movies you won't want to miss

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... and just a few that you definitely will. GREGORY WAKEMAN

There's only one place that we can really start when it comes to the coming batch of films, and that's in a galaxy far, far away. The latest installment of the world's greatest movie franchise of all time, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," drops on **Dec. 15**. "Star Wars" movies always attract a huge audience (even during the dark days of Jar Jar Binks), but given this one allows the chance for fans to say goodbye to Carrie Fisher, "The Last Jedi" should be even more popular.

In another quadrant of the solar system, the mysterious "God Particle" serves up a space race for survival as the third chapter of the "Cloverfield" films (**out Feb. 2**).

Marvel will surely continue its domination of the superhero world with "Black Panther" (**Feb. 16**), but make sure you keep an eye out for Alex Garland's follow-up to "Ex Machina" — "Annihilation" — which stars Natalie Portman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Gina Rodriguez, Oscar Isaac and Tessa Thompson, and is a sci-fi-fantasy-action-horror hybrid with the potential to be a smash hit (**Feb. 23**).

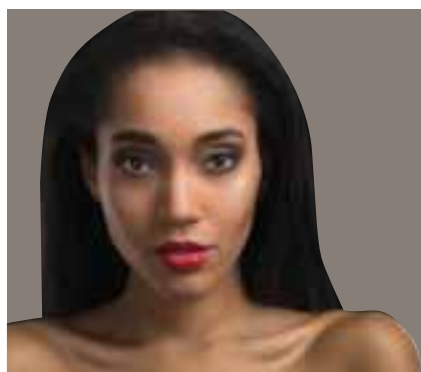


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"Ferdinand" looks like a hilarious tale for the whole family, and tells the story of a Spanish fighting bull who's actually a big weenie (**Dec. 15**). Much cuddlier crowd-pleasing bear "Paddington" returns with a sequel **Jan. 12**, and **Feb. 9** you'll be able to treat yourself to "Peter Rabbit," which looks absolutely adorable, boasts a superb vocal cast and comes from "Easy A" director Will Gluck. Aardman Animations' stellar stop-motion track record means "Early Man" (**Feb. 16**) will be a must-see. Even "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (**Jan. 26**) is set to give action-junkie juniors quite a fix.



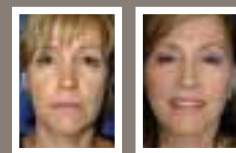
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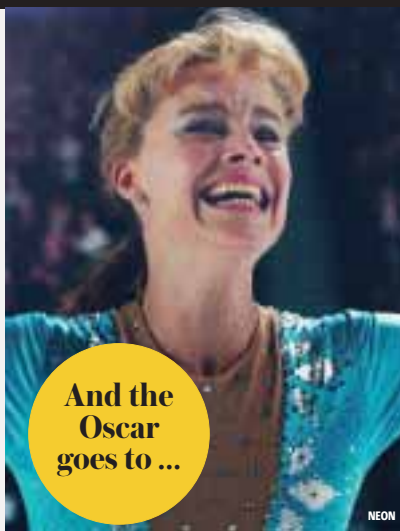
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This is the time of year for Hollywood to release its biggest contenders for golden statues; as such, prepare for some superpowerful performances throughout the chilly months (the Academy Awards are scheduled for March 4). We can't wait to see Margot Robbie and Allison Janney in the Tonya Harding biopic "I, Tonya" (Dec. 8), Jessica Chastain and Idris Elba in "Molly's Game" (Dec. 25), and Daniel Day-Lewis's purported final performance in "Phantom Thread" (Dec. 25). Each has gotten nomination chatter, and they aren't even out yet! The Christian Bale-led western "Hostiles" (Dec. 22) and Matt Damon's climate satire "Downsizing" (Dec. 22) are getting a lot of buzz, and it'll be impossible for the Academy to resist Steven Spielberg's "The Post" (Dec. 22), as it stars Meryl Streep AND Tom Hanks, and is all about the importance of a free press in the U.S.



### More musicals



After the huge success of "La La Land" it was to be expected that various copycat films would follow. Not that audiences are complaining, because Hugh Jackman as the all-singing, all-dancing P.T. Barnum in "The Greatest Showman" (Dec. 20) looks particularly eye-catching. It also sees Zac Efron returning to the genre for the first time since "High School Musical 3." Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson and the rest of the Pitches are back in "Pitch Perfect 3" (Dec. 22), too, while Netflix's "The Polka King" (Jan. 12) will see the always watchable Jack Black belting out tunes as polka sensation Jan Lewan.

### On the flip side?



The first few weeks of the year are also used by studios to dump films they have little hope for. So that's why it's hard to get too excited about "Insidious: The Last Key," "12 Strong," "Den of Thieves" (all Jan. 12) or "Arctic Justice: Thunder Squad" (Jan. 26). There's more hope for "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (Dec. 20) because of its terrific cast, and "Bright" (Dec. 22) — Netflix's attempt to make a big-budgeted fantasy

blockbuster led by bona-fide Hollywood royalty Will Smith. Liam Neeson is still playing the action star in "The Commuter" (Jan. 12), and we're keeping our fingers crossed for him, but the same can't be said for "War With Grandpa" (Feb. 23), which is just another Robert DeNiro comedy. Finally, the fact that "Fifty Shades Freed" (Feb. 9) even exists is something we should all be embarrassed by.



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### "The Shape of Water"

**Director:** Guillermo del Toro  
**Stars:** Sally Hawkins, Richard Jenkins  
**Rating:** R



Guillermo del Toro's love of cinema and meticulous eye for the dark and bizarre has

means that watching one of his films is an utterly absorbing and unique experience.

With "The Shape of Water," all of that comes together in arguably the most profound manner of his career so far. The structuring (and the work of composer Alexandre Desplat and cinematographer Dan Laustsen) builds tirelessly throughout, never

stagnating.

As Elisa, Sally Hawkins steals the show. She's so expressive, boisterous, romantic, and charismatic — all without saying a word — that you're left in awe of her performance. Although it might not culminate with a surprising crescendo, "Shape of Water" strikes all the right notes. **GW**



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### "The Disaster Artist"

**Director:** James Franco  
**Stars:** James Franco, Dave Franco  
**Rating:** R



You don't need to have seen "The Room" to get wrapped up in "The Disaster Artist." With the help of writers Scott

Neustadter and Michael H. Weber, director and star James Franco imbues the biographical comedy-drama with heart. But most of all? "The Disaster Artist" is just preposterously entertaining.

The supporting cast — which includes the likes of Dave Franco and Seth Rogen — is superb. But this is the James Franco show, and his

performance as Tommy Wiseau is transfixing. As director, the elder Franco deploys a steady pace that makes up for the film's occasionally uneven and clunky structure. But he also makes sure that the film celebrates Tommy's bravery and dedication to finishing "The Room," ending in a manner that's genuinely uplifting. A sure awards season contender. **GW**



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Spanning four stories, Opry City Stage is a shrine to country-music memorabilia and folk art, including over 300 photos from the Opry's archives. Exhibits about the art and culture of country musicians will rotate through, starting with Iconic Fashions from the Opry Archives featuring decades of outfits worn by performers like Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and Taylor Swift.

While the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville is a theater-style concert venue, Opry City Stage is first and foremost a restaurant, so you'll have to commit to a meal to see the goods. The heart of the venue is a two-story restaurant, bar and performance stage that spans the second and

third floors.

The menu is by the Bromberg Brothers, who run the New York-style Southern food Blue Ribbon empire. It features their takes on Southern comfort food like corn fritters (\$12), Nashville hot chicken and waffles (\$22) and a Tennesseean burger with country ham, charred jalapeno and pimento cheese (\$23). The menu does have one direct-from-Nashville item: Hopry, an Opry-inspired brew by Yazoo Brewery.

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For New Year's Eve, Opry City Stage has already lined up hit Nashville duo LoCash, with Nashville's Next Winners Radio Romance opening. There will be two shows

(7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.), which include dinner and an open bar. Tickets are on sale now starting at \$199.

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# 3 Things to watch for as the hapless Giants visit Oakland



**Poor Geno**  
These probably were not the circumstances under which Geno Smith wanted to get the starting nod when he envisioned becoming the Giants starting quarterback. But with the puzzling benching of Eli Manning, he will lead the Giants under center this Sunday, which is almost unfair to him. The 27-year-old has appeared in just four games since the start of the 2015 season, completing 35 passes in the process. How is he supposed to follow up a future Hall of Famer in Eli Manning? On top of that, he's facing a Raiders pass rush that features reigning defensive player of the year, Khalil Mack. Good luck, Geno.

**Who will show up?**  
The season is over for the Giants. At 2-9, they're already eliminated from playoff contention while the leader that helped deliver the franchise two Super Bowls will be sitting on the sidelines with a baseball cap on.

There had been whisperings that head coach Ben McAdoo lost the locker room as it looked as though some players put in less-than-100-percent efforts. With management basically mailing it in this season, it could be difficult for a majority of the roster to stay motivated under such bleak conditions.

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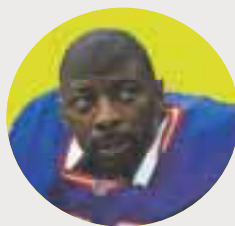


**And so we wait**  
Remember when Giants co-owner John Mara said that McAdoo's job was safe following their loss to the San Francisco 49ers? Well, that tune changed a bit over the last week, especially after the Manning debacle. When speaking with reporters on Wednesday, Mara hinted that McAdoo's job might not be safe after all, which is only fitting considering he is one of the main culprits for this dumpster fire of a season. Sitting Manning takes basically every chance of the team pulling off an upset in Oakland away. If it's an especially embarrassing loss, Mara might rip the Band-Aid off as soon as possible. **JOE PANTORNO**

## What they're saying about Eli Manning's benching

*"I am very emotional about this Eli s\*\*\*. The guy who gave you EVERYTHING for better or worse NEVER missing a game and THIS how it ends?? Not #10! He deserves better. He gave his all when BETTER wasn't there for him... and this is how it ends?? I hurt for him."*

-CARL BANKS ON TWITTER  
(NYG LINEBACKER 1984-1992)



*"Surprised is not the word. My sentiments are totally with Eli Manning. ... He's a class act, a two-time Super Bowl champ, one of the finest, most humble men in that locker room. ... I was very upset about when I heard that."*

-TOM COUGHLIN (NYG HEAD COACH 2004-2015)



*"I honestly thought it was pathetic, really. The guy, he's been out there 210 straight games with no telling how many bumps and bruises and injuries for his team. Won two Super Bowls, MVPs. You just feel like the guy has earned the opportunity, if they are deciding, in fact, to go in the other direction, you feel like he's earned the opportunity to finish it off, finish off these last five weeks."*

-PHILIP RIVERS (LA CHARGERS QB, TRADED FOR ELI MANNING AT 2004 NFL DRAFT)



*"Damn! Bench Eli? Man showed up every week for 14 years."*

-PLAXICO BURRESS ON TWITTER  
(NYG WR 2005-2008)

*"Have the Giants lost their mind??? Benching Eli Manning for Geno Smith! Even though I want Eli to desert this Titanic for his safety and career, he would never jump from this sinking ship. Too much pride and class. Do they suddenly care about Eli's health?? Give me a break!"*

-LINDA COHN ON TWITTER (ESPN ANALYST)



*"I was sitting here getting ready to go to walk-through yesterday and he was asking me how I was doing. After finding out, he was still asking me how I was doing and what was going on with me. I was like I'm not sure if I'm playing or not and he told me he wasn't going to and I was definitely shocked. I mean barring injury, I didn't see any way that Eli Manning wouldn't be our quarterback."*

-JUSTIN PUGH (NYG OFFENSIVE LINEMAN)



JOE PANTORNO



# 3 Things to watch for as struggling Jets host Chiefs




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## Return of Revis

The Chiefs were looking for some added help in the secondary and brought on a very familiar face.

Signing cornerback Darrelle Revis prior to Week 12, the veteran was inactive last week and will make his Chiefs debut against the team that drafted him 14th overall in 2007.

Revis had two separate stints with the Jets that

combined for eight seasons, making five Pro Bowls and garnering three first-team All-Pro honors.

He ranks third in franchise history, with 25 interceptions and first with 111 passes defended.

In three career games against the Jets, Revis has not recorded an interception. He'll be keen on doing so this Sunday to prove he still has plenty left in the tank.

## Give the ball to Robby

The Jets passing game was supposed to be a disaster after getting rid of Eric Decker and Brandon Marshall?

Clearly, we didn't realize Robby Anderson was going to take over.

The second-year undrafted free agent out of

Temple has become one of Josh McCown's favorite targets, recording touchdowns in five-straight games.

In 11 games this year, he has 41 receptions for 741 yards.

He is the second Jet to record seven or more touchdown receptions in a single season. The other? Wayne Chrebet.

## WEEK 13

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## Hungry Chiefs

There was a time this season when the Chiefs looked invincible.

In their opening two weeks, they took down the two best teams in the NFL in the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles on their way to a 5-0 start.

But Kansas City has lost five of its last six, including a shocking 12-9 upset against the Giants in Week 11.

Alex Smith's MVP campaign hurdled off the tracks as he's thrown four interceptions in his last three games.

He had none in the opening eight games of the season.

The Chiefs offense hasn't done much either, averaging just 13 points per game over their last three contests.

With the AFC West still up for grabs, they'll want to put up a huge effort against the Jets. **JOE PANTORNO**



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At the beginning of the season, most football fans thought it was the Jets that would be a disappointment. Instead, it's been the Giants. GETTY IMAGES

# JETS NO LONGER THE CIRCUS, THE GIANTS ARE

#### OPINION



**KRISTIAN DYER**  
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This isn't a circus. It is a dumpster fire.

And no one anywhere is happier than the New York Jets.

The New York Giants are an unmitigated disaster, an organization once thought to be classy and timeless now looking like the dregs of the NFL. The benching of quarterback Eli Manning and the botched attempts by general manager Jerry Reese and head coach Ben McDoo to spin this thing has led the Giants as a franchise to hurl themselves down a flight of stairs. This thing from top to bottom is a mess.

It sounds an awful lot like the utter chaos about this town's other NFL team just a couple of years ago. That can't be said about the Jets right now.

The Jets have turned around the perception

that they were a circus, that the inmates ran the asylum. In recent years, even under a castrated Rex Ryan, humiliated and cut short by former general manager John Idzik, the Jets found a way to have direction and purpose.

They may not yet be a winning team; in fact, they aren't a very good team right now. But in many, many ways they are not the Giants.

There is hope for the Jets. And, right now, there is no hope for the Giants.

And now it is Giants fans, so ready to sneer at the Jets fans' protests a couple years ago, putting up money to buy billboards to voice their anger.

There are no parties on Justin Bieber's boat just days away from a playoff game, no signs of multiple players being suspended by the team, which has happened to the Giants this year. No sideline antics, no fights being picked with kicking nets or peeing dog celebrations. Instead, the Jets are simply building something.

It may not work, but they are building something and doing it the right way.

This Jets team is sitting at 4-7 in the midst of what was supposed to be a difficult rebuilding year. They cut veterans such as cornerback Darrelle Revis and center Nick Mangold to usher in a new era.

It was popular to say the team wouldn't win a game.

Instead, the Jets have not only been competitive but have beaten a few tough teams. They were two (horrible) calls away in recent weeks (ironically both on Austin Seferian-Jenkins catches that should have been touchdowns) away from being 6-5.

A team that was supposed to be blown out and not even competitive – well, six of their seven losses have been by fewer than nine points. There is something good going on around the Jets. A sense of direction, of purpose.

The Giants, though, can't get out of their own way. Their struggles are a series

of disasters, mostly self-inflicted. It's a team built on hubris rather than logic. A head coach in McDoo is too rigid to realize that teams have adjusted to their offense and figured out how to attack one of the worst offensive lines in the league.

Instead, the Giants press repeat every game, just like they have each offseason over the past few years.

This mess, this dumpster fire, has been their own doing. A roster of underperforming players who have been gifted massive contracts in recent years while failing to address huge holes along the offensive line or develop any semblance of a running game.

Like an ostrich, the Giants buried their heads in the sand to ignore the problems. Meanwhile, the Jets fly overhead, pointed upward.

A Jets team that for now and the foreseeable future is doing things the right way. It's something the Giants should note and consider doing.



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**SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY.**  
**THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF COLONIAL  
TOWNHOUSES CONDOMINIUM, Pltf. vs.**  
**JOSEPH REGINA, et al. Defts. Index #702258-14.**  
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure of a common charge lien  
and sale dated Sept. 15, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the  
Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11  
Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
prem. k/a 65-09 242nd St., Unit 5D, Douglaston, NY 11362.  
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and  
being a part of a Condominium in Douglaston, County of  
Queens, City and State of New York, known and Designated  
as Unit 5D/E and P-14, and also designated as Tax Lot 4064  
together with a .38054% undivided interest in the common  
elements of the Condominium hereinafter described as the  
same is defined in the Declaration of Condominium hereinafter  
referred to. The real property above described is a unit shown  
on the plans of a condominium prepared and certified by John  
W. Stacom, A.I.A. and filed in the Office of the Register of the  
City of NY, County of Queens on the 26th day of Aug. 1986,  
as Condominium Plan No. 139 defined in the Declaration of  
Condominium entitled Colonial Townhouses Condominium  
made by Colonial Townhouses, Inc. under Article 9-B of the  
NY Real Property Law dated Oct. 10, 1986 and recorded in  
the office of the register of the County of Queens on the 19th  
day of November, 1986 in Liber 2232 of Conveyances at page  
072 covering the property therein described. Approx. amt. of  
judgment is \$21,313.00 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to  
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**HEIDI J. HENLE, Referee.**  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**SUPREME COURT**  
**COUNTY OF QUEENS**  
**US Bank National**  
Association as trustee for  
the Certificate holders  
CitiGroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc.,  
Asset-Backed Pass Through  
Certificates Series 2007-AMC1,  
Plaintiff AGAINST Petula Graham;  
et al., Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated  
November 14, 2016 I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at  
public auction at the Queens County  
Courtroom #25,  
88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,  
Jamaica, New York 11435 on  
December 15, 2017 at 10:00AM,  
premises known as 640 Beach  
69th Street, Far Rockaway  
a/k/a Arverne, NY 11692.  
All that certain plot piece or parcel  
of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate, lying  
and being in the Borough and County  
of Queens, City and State of NY,  
Block 16029 Lot 21.  
Approximate amount of judgment  
is \$431,014.34 plus interests and  
costs. Premises will be sold subject  
to provisions of filed Judgment  
Index # 006243/2010  
Alan C. Kestenbaum, Referee  
**FRENKEL LAMBERT**  
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53 Gibson Street  
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of MVP TENNIS, LLC.  
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the Secy. of State of New  
York (SSNY) on 07/03/2017.  
Office location: New York  
County. SSNY is designated  
as agent of LLC upon  
whom process against it  
may be served. SSNY shall  
mail process to the LLC  
c/o 163 Amsterdam Ave.,  
Suite 1350, New York, NY  
10023. Purpose: Any lawful  
activity.

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for Liquor, Beer & Wine has been  
applied for by the undersigned to  
sell Liquor, Beer & Wine at retail  
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Control Law at 29-03 Broadway,  
Astoria, NY 11106. Queens County,  
for on premises consumption.  
Minas Grill Corporation.

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NY 11375, Queens County, for on  
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Chris Dream Continues LLC.

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**SUPREME COURT**  
**COUNTY OF QUEENS**  
**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE**  
**LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST**  
**Frank Bremner and Gloria**  
**Bremner, et al., Defendant(s)**  
Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated  
December 09, 2016 I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell  
at public auction at the Queens  
County Supreme Court located  
at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,  
Jamaica, New York 11435,  
on December 08, 2017 at  
10:00AM, premises known  
as 117-30 144TH STREET,  
JAMAICA, NY 11436. All that  
certain plot piece or parcel of  
land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate,  
lying and being in the Borough  
and County of Queens,  
City and State of New York,  
BLOCK 12017, LOT 20.  
Approximate amount of judgment  
\$571,309.53 plus interest  
and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment for  
Index# 1993/2011.  
Gary Darche Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**SUPREME COURT**  
**COUNTY OF QUEENS**  
**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,**  
Plaintiff AGAINST  
**DAWN YELL GAINES, et al.,**  
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly dated June 09, 2015 I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell  
at public auction at the Queens  
County Courtroom in Courtroom  
# 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,  
Jamaica, New York, on December  
15, 2017 at 10:00AM, premises  
known as 110-48 197TH STREET,  
SAINT ALBANS, NY 11412. All  
that certain plot piece or parcel  
of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate,  
lying and being in the Borough  
of Queens, City and State of New  
York, BLOCK 10936, LOT 247.  
Approximate amount of judgment  
\$400,994.12 plus interest and  
costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment for Index #8154/13.  
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Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for  
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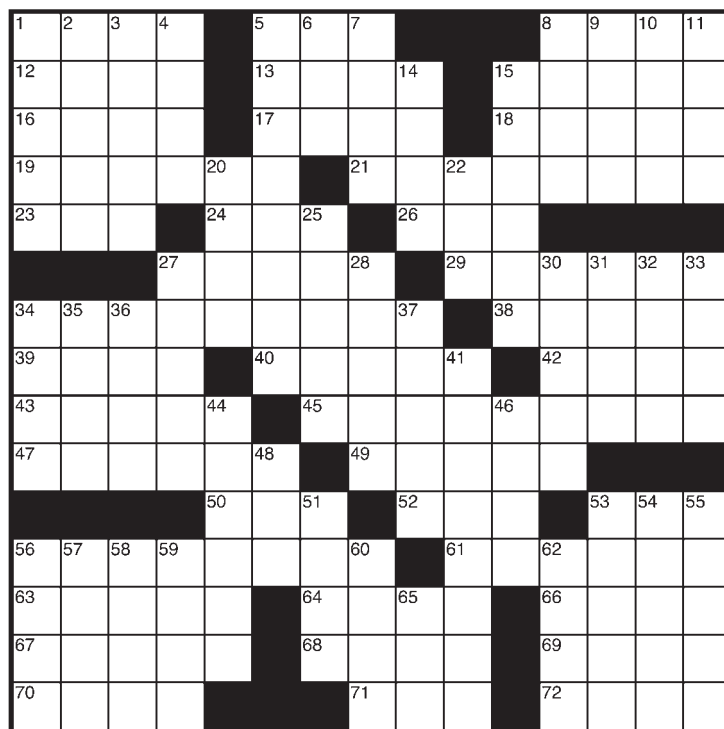
- 1 Choir member
- 5 Twist-off --
- 8 TKO officials
- 12 Line on a map
- 13 Pasture moms
- 15 Donkey
- 16 Sapporo sport
- 17 Orderly
- 18 -- on (incited)
- 19 Diva's performances
- 21 Ringling Museum of Art site
- 23 Beatty of "Network"
- 24 -- de guerre
- 26 Tampa Bay pro
- 27 Courtyards
- 29 Spool
- 34 Hotel staff member
- 38 Wynonna Judd's mom
- 39 Plunder
- 40 Mergers and buyouts
- 42 Picket-line crosser
- 43 Cortes foe
- 45 Novosibirsk natives
- 47 Had to have
- 49 Lacking energy value (hyph.)
- 50 Eldest March girl
- 52 Freshly painted
- 53 Flower adornment
- 56 Galloped along
- 61 Totally lacking
- 63 Workers' group
- 64 "Kon- --"

- 66 Boundary line
- 67 Remove the bones
- 68 Noticed
- 69 Ottoman title
- 70 Bolted
- 71 Follow closely
- 72 Hires out

### Down

- 1 Illegal burning
- 2 Jeweler's lens
- 3 Domesticated
- 4 Bouquet
- 5 Bowdlerized
- 6 Fill with wonder
- 7 Pod fillers
- 8 Carpets
- 9 Therefore
- 10 Worry too much
- 11 Pepsi offering
- 14 Wild guess
- 15 Lighthouse light
- 20 Debate side
- 22 Chafe
- 25 Sticks in the mud
- 27 Went on stage
- 28 Once more
- 30 Spaghetti sauce herb
- 31 -- Raton, Fla.
- 32 Somali-born supermodel
- 33 Robins' bills
- 34 "Braveheart" group
- 35 Flow slowly
- 36 Jot down
- 37 Macaroni shape
- 41 Withdrawing
- 44 Dental fixative
- 46 Evaluate
- 48 "The," to Wolfgang
- 51 Pulls down
- 53 Inn
- 54 Black billiard ball
- 55 Theories
- 56 Sleeve end
- 57 Indigo dye
- 58 Cleopatra's river
- 59 Steel- -- boots
- 60 Regimen
- 62 Tender cutlets
- 65 Type of parrot

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**Aries** A positive change in your status will brighten your day. Spending time with a loved one and planning for the future look promising. Live, love and laugh.



**Taurus** Emotions will swell if you get into a discussion regarding a joint venture. Partnerships need to be dealt with innovatively if you don't want negativity to escalate.



**Gemini** Look for the best place to invest your time and money. Don't hesitate to put your needs first. Staying healthy emotionally and financially should be your goal.



**Cancer** Take pride in what you do if you want to enjoy the perks that go along with being unique and innovative. A chance to join forces with someone interesting looks promising.



**Leo** Brains plus drive and enthusiasm will help you win whatever challenge comes your way. Don't lose sight of your goal, and enjoy the process of reaching your destination.



**Virgo** Don't believe everything you hear. Bring up issues that could prove troublesome and revamp deals that are not fair or in your best interest.



**Libra** Spend wisely. If you do your research, you will find a bargain that suits your budget. A change in the way you feel about someone will prompt action.



**Scorpio** Emotions will mount when dealing with partnership concerns. Look for a unique solution to counter any bad effects resulting from discord. Choose peace over criticism.



**Sagittarius** Emotional manipulation is apparent when dealing with partners or youngsters. Don't give in when you should be firm. Concentrate on your needs.



**Capricorn** You can make a positive change at home based on what's best for you emotionally, financially and professionally. Look for new ways to use your knowledge and talents.



**Aquarius** Expect someone to disagree with your plans. Emotional outbursts are best handled with patience and tolerance. Be firm, but don't burn bridges.



**Pisces** Rely on your experience to help you avoid a financial loss. Don't feel responsible for what others do. Keep your distance and do your own thing. EUGENIA LAST

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